Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Is the Secretary a touring Officer ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : No, Sir, the Secretary is not a touring officer.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXXII—ANCHAL—Rs. 13,200.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 13,200 under Demand 32—Anchal Department. This amount is required for the conveyance of Anchal Mails from Trivandrum to Kottarakara *via* Quilon by a special bus operated by the Transport Department. Till lately the Anchal Mails were carried by a special train. Owing to the fact that several services from Trivandrum to Quilon were stopped, these were carried by the Mail Train. This Mail Train on account of the early starting and late arrival caused great inconvenience to the general public and Government in order to avoid the delay and inconvenience asked the Transport Department to carry the Mails from Trivandrum in a special bus to be operated for this purpose. The department has now to be paid a subsidy of 50 rupees daily on this account. For the rest of the year an amount of 13,200 rupees is required. I request that this House may be pleased to sanction the above supplementary grant.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE REGISTRATION ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : Sir, I move that the Travancore Registration Act Amendment Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

The motion was carried by the House.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : Sir, I move that the bill be passed.

The motion was put to vote and the bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE ABKARI ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : Sir, I move that the Abkari Act (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration. The amendment bill is intended to provide for cases where spirits which have been denatured are again made fit for human consumption. This Bill is necessary for two purposes. I understand that if spirits which have been once denatured are again made fit for human consumption and are put into the markets there is great financial loss to the Government and secondly

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[Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai]

I also understand that such spirits are bad for health. On both these grounds it was thought necessary that an amendment of the sort now made should be made. Such a section exists in all parts of British India and also in the State of Cochin.

President : The question before the House is whether the Bill may be taken into consideration.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : In the absence of any amendments I move that the bill be passed.

Mr. A Lekshminarayana Ayyar : I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE CREDIT BANK ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Credit Bank Act (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken into consideration.

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : I may be permitted to speak a few words on the present amendment. The Credit Bank Act, as it now exists, prevents the bank from doing what may generally be called any sort of ordinary commercial banking business. During the few years the Credit Bank has been in existence it has been found that it was not giving the maximum benefit to the people of the State and the Board of Management of the Bank thought that amendments on the lines now proposed would increase the utility of the Bank particularly in aid of cottage industries and small-scale industries which cannot afford to give as security either machinery or landed property. Such small-scale industries can afford to give only its stock in trade as security. The intention of the amendment Bill is to allow them to do business by borrowing money on the security of their stock in trade.

Another amendment proposed is with regard to fixed deposits. It was provided in the Act that fixed deposits should be taken only for 2 years and more. The working of the Bank has shown that reducing the term to one or more years would be of very great advantage to the Bank as well as the public.

Another amendment is with regard to allowing of overdraft on Government Securities or other securities approved by Government. This is also considered to be a very beneficial amendment. I therefore move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

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